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## Y. M. C. A.

### Secretary Asks Students to Enjoy Amusements at "Y" Hut

In past years the Y. M. C. A. of this college has been laboring under very discouraging circumstances. To be sure, the leaders had the right spirit, but they had not the cooperation and the means wherewith to make the Y. M. C. A. show just what it stood for. We are all aware of the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. and we are now able to see the empirical side of this great organization. It represents a modern step toward a real educational system. Let us grasp that idea and make it mean something in our college life.

We all felt the unpleasant influence of the Student's Army Training Corps, but we cannot deny the fact that it has been a blessing to our Y. M. C. A. work. It brought to our hands sufficient funds to make the work just what it should be. It has been the cause of renewed interest in Y. M. C. A. work on the part of all our students and we thank God for that.

The main purpose of this article is to bring definitely before the student body the plans of the Y. M. C. A. for this year. We realize that some of our plans have been carried out before we had the opportunity to publish them, nevertheless, it will not hurt to let you know that we are in dead earnestness about the work and we plead for your cooperation. You have responded to our request for membership and we appreciate the interest you have shown thus far.

It first appeared as if the function of the Y. M. C. A. was to furnish only amusement to the young men on our campus. Such a plan would obliterate the C. and thus undermine the foundation of our work. Such is not the case. We have been handicapped up to this time on account of the unwise administration of Student Army Training Corps affairs. We are free now to carry through our plans, and with God's help and blessings we are going to make the Y. M. C. A. mean something in the lives of our students.

The victrola in our recreation room is a gift from our faculty and one for which we are very thankful. The pool table was purchased with the funds handed in by you as membership fees. The table has not been paid for and it is our purpose to make it pay for itself. After it has been paid for it will be yours to use at a very small fee, one sufficient to recompense the man who looks after it.

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## INDIAN QUINT HARD AT WORK

### Brooks only Letter Man to Return—Some Twenty-five Candidates Out for Varsity—V. M. Geddy to Coach for Ensueing Year

The drama of this year's basketball season was opened last Monday evening when some twenty-five men appeared on the gymnasium floor to fight for a place on the varsity basketball team. The men had the pep and from the start they showed that there would be a hot fight for any berth on this year's letter team.

Captain Brooks, star guard of last year's varsity, is the only man returned and bids fair to hold down his old position. For the other positions there is a very hot fight in progress. Substitutes from last year's team bid to make at least two of the remaining positions—these are the forward berths. Hudson seems to have come back strong this season and is displaying an undue amount of ability in basketing the ball under the basket. He is fast on his floor work and passes well. There should be no question that he will be Coach Geddy's selection at one of these positions. The other forward berth is slightly in favor of Henley, another substitute of last season's string. Henley shoots perfectly from any position and his only drawback is his light weight.

Webb and Marshall are having quite a go of it for the honor of playing the center position this season. Marshall has a perfect build for such a position, but his lack of knowledge of the game is a great drawback. There is still plenty of time for development and should he keep at it hard as he has been going the last week, there would be quite a hard proposition for Coach Geddy to solve. On the other hand, Webb is a very good floor man, passes well and shoots fairly good, and above all has quite a bit of experience. At the present he is the first choice, but will have to be on his toes at all times, if he wishes to hold his berth.

For Captain Brooks' running mate the most promising men at present seem to be Murphy and Fentress. Both are excellent passers and very fast, their principle fault is an inability to shoot from their stationary positions and from midfloor. In bringing the ball up from the floor and under the basket it is a toss up between them, and only time can tell which is the better man. There is no question though that the man who first improves on his long shots will be the one for the place. Among the other men showing up well for the team are: Garrett, Cooper, Lyons and Pierce.

The Athletic Association has been lucky in securing the services of V.

M. Geddy as coach in the athletic department. Mr. Geddy was one of our star basketballers several years ago and since then has been coach of the Woodberry Forest Athletics where he was very successful in turning out winning teams in all departments. In basketball, Coach Geddy was one of our best gardeners and was always looked upon as one of the headiest men on the team—without doubt he should land a winning team. But at the present his main efforts are being spent in developing a championship basketball team. During the last two weeks he trimmed off many of the rough edges and already the team is showing great improvement in floor work, shooting, and all-round teamwork.

This Monday, one week hence, the team will leave for a four game trip through the state with Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, Roanoke College, and Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. By the time that the championship curtain is ready to be lifted, Coach Geddy should have a good line on every man and the team should show championship makings. Prospects as a whole are very good and a review of the outlook finds only one fault—that is the light weight of the majority of the members out for the varsity.

### MOVING PICTURE MACHINE INSTALLED IN CHAPEL

Perhaps no feature of the Y. M. C. A. work has proved more entertaining than the moving picture machine recently installed in the College Chapel. Pictures are shown there every Monday night and the past two performances have been very pleasing indeed. The pictures offered are of a very high type and are chosen with an educational value in view.

The last picture presented the story and martyrdom of Nathan Hale, of Revolutionary fame, and was presented by capable and attractive actors.

These pictures are entirely free to students and faculty, and the management of the Y. M. C. A. wishes that as many students as possible will take advantage of the opportunity to see pictures worth while and come and spend a pleasant hour in the Chapel every Monday evening at eight o'clock.

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## OPENING DANCES

### Many Alumni and Former Students Enjoy the Festivities

On Friday and Saturday evenings last, the William and Mary College Cotillion Club gave its annual Mid-winter dances in the College Gymnasium, and few, if any, social events of the year have rivaled these affairs in gaiety and brilliance.

The gym walls were bedecked with pennants and banners of various hues, while overhead streamers of orange and black were draped in graceful lines. Music for both dances was furnished by Gippy Smith's orchestra of Richmond. "Gippy" rendered some of the best music heard here for a long time and this, combined with the fascinating personalities of the dance devotees, produced an atmosphere of merry revelry. Refreshments for both nights were delightful and served their purpose well.

Dancing began at nine Friday night and continued until a few minutes of two o'clock. Forty couples interwindingly found their way around the glass like floor in measured steps to the melodious streams of the Murky Skinned orchestra. We feel justified in saying that this was a very enjoyable dance, when we recall the merriment of the participants and the smiles of the spectators who remained in the galleries until the rendition of "Home, Sweet Home."

Joy reigned supreme at the conclusion of Friday night's festivities and held sway with redoubled vigor on the following night. The dance spirit reached a high mark at this enjoyable dance and the only lacking element was time. A few minutes before the initial hour of the Sabbath, the gaieties ceased and many of the happy throng adjourned to the Sigma Phi Epsilon House where a delightful spread of sandwiches, candies and fruits were enjoyed.

Those dancing were: Miss Frances Robertson, of Blackstone, with R. J. Parrish; Miss Mary C. Leigh, of Blackstone, with H. H. Allen; Miss Ruth Barrow, of Blackstone, with V. J. Love; Miss Gladys Belt Lynn, of Lynchburg, with Carlyle Johnston; Miss Elizabeth Cook, of Richmond, with Tom Peyton; Miss Maud Moss, of Great Bridge, with J. A. Tipton; Miss Anne Wilson, of Great Bridge, with Bob Murphy; Miss Evelin Moss, of Great Bridge, with W. T. Henley; Miss Sarah Stroud, of Portsmouth, with A. L. Lassiter; Miss Ardelle Eller, of Portsmouth, with W. W. Johnson; Miss "Billy" Burke, of Farmville Normal, with Van Garrett;

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Wednesday, January 29, 1919

It was a peculiar situation indeed in which the colleges and universities throughout the country found themselves, at the opening of the year 1919. The disorganizing influence of the S. A. T. C. could be seen and felt in every phase of college life. So true was this, that in many colleges, and at William and Mary in particular, there was no sign of college spirit or life.

But while we feel that no college could have suffered more than we did, still we believe that no college has demonstrated any more of the "come back" than has William and Mary.

After a ten days vacation for the holidays, work was resumed on the fourth of January, and since that time, all work and activities of all kinds has been going along at their old time swing, just as if nothing unusual had been taking place for the past four years. Literary societies, class organizations, clubs, Y. M. C. A. activities and social functions have all felt the effect of the new stimulus and have taken on new life.

We cannot pass on without giving a few words to the wonderful work of the Y. M. C. A. Never before in the life of the college has this department of college life been so well piloted and cared for. It is attracting attention from both faculty and students, and a full account of its hopes and expectations may be seen in another article in this issue.

The war over, many of our students and one professor have returned to continue their work here. Prof. E. J. Oglesby, of the department of mathematics, who joined the colors at the beginning of the war, has returned.

One of the good features of the new term is the repetition of some first term courses, as well as the offering of some entirely new courses. Many courses are repeated in order that those students who failed to make their work last term, being prevented from doing so by the duties of the S. A. T. C., may have an opportunity of making it this term. This is certainly a splendid idea and gives many deserving students a chance to redeem themselves. From the way they have

started out this year, we feel sure that they will make the most of the new plan.

The faculty and students may well be thankful for such a promising year after such an upheaval of education and educational institutions. Judging from the present conditions, we can expect nothing but a good, prosperous year, and by every student doing his very best and putting all he has into the work here, we can surely look back on our work when June comes and say truthfully that the year 1919 has by no means been a failure.

### AN APOLOGY

I wish to express to all subscribers of The Flat Hat my sincere regret for the great delay of the initial appearance of the paper. It has caused the entire staff much embarrassment and worry, and no trouble has been spared to remedy the situation.

Most of us are aware of the fact that The Gazette Co. has been in a confused condition since the death, a short time ago, of Mr. Scott, owner of the plant.

His administrator, anxious to sell the press, would give no authority to those in charge here to continue the business until he could come to Williamsburg himself. He spent several days in our town last week, and arrangements were made to publish the paper from that time until June.

I wish to say also that several printing companies throughout the state were consulted in regard to printing our paper for us, after we found we would be delayed here, but none of them would take the contract. So we feel sure that our subscribers, being sympathetic and patient, will forgive this delay which was entirely beyond our control. The entire staff wishes to express its thanks for the patience and forbearance of the student body and alumni.

Editor.

### FACULTY TAKE PART IN MANY PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Dr. James S. Wilson was in Richmond Monday and Tuesday of last week attending a meeting of the State Board of Education, and of a committee of the Board of which he is a member. He represented William and Mary also at a recent conference called by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to revise the course of study of the Summer Schools.

President Lyon G. Tyler and Dr. James S. Wilson were present on Thursday, January 25, at the meeting at the chamber of the House of Delegates called by Governor Davis for consultation together of the various state boards. Dr. Tyler was present as a member of the State Library Board and Dr. Wilson of the State Board of Education.

President Tyler has been appointed by Governor Westmoreland Davis an honorary delegate to the Atlantic Congress for a League of Nations to convene in New York city, February 5th, and 6th.

Professor W. H. Keeble of the Department of Physics, has been elected chairman of the Williamsburg Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Dr. Henry G. Hots of the Department of Education is assisting the State Supervisor of High Schools, in visiting and inspecting the high

schools in this section of the state. The purpose of this work is not only to inspect the schools to see that they conform to the requirements of the State Board of Education, but also to make suggestions and to advise upon possible changes for the betterment of the schools. So far Professor Hotz has visited the schools of Newport News, Williamsburg, Hayes Store, Schilles, Smithfield, Poquoson and Morrison.

## OPENING DANCES

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Miss Sarah Hughes, of Farmville Normal, with Chester Pierce; Miss Mabel Warren, of Richmond, with J. D. Carneal, Jr.; Miss Mary Cary Moncure, of Williamsburg, with W. F. C. Ferguson; Miss Mabel Brooks, of Williamsburg, with H. S. Fentress; Miss Nancy Batten, of Suffolk, with Taylor Murphy; Miss Eleanor Frye, of Richmond, with Dick Owen; Miss Lavinia Foster, of Hampton, with R. C. Sibley; Miss Mabel Glenn, of Fredericksburg, with Jamie Neblett; Miss Seltine Rice, of Fredericksburg, with Lawrence Brent; Miss Lucille Brown, of W. M. C., with Hudnall Ware; Miss Hope Baines, of W. M. C., with R. H. Hatfield; Miss Conkey, of W. M. C., with L. H. Rowe; Miss Margaret Thornton, of W. M. C., with Howard Smith; Miss Thelma Brown, of Williamsburg, with Pat Robertson; Mrs. Miles, of Williamsburg, with Nat Terrill; Miss Winnie Powell, of Hampton, with Jesse Giles; Miss Margaret Tyler, of Sturgeons Pt., with A. F. Copeland; Miss Mary Lyon Tyler, of Sturgeons Pt., with Lt. R. B. Gayle; Miss Gladys Ingalls, of Richmond, with Roy Blackwell, Kenbridge; Miss Virginia Frye, of Richmond, with C. Armistead; Miss Carrie Cole Lane, of Williamsburg, with V. M. Geddy, Williamsburg; Miss Sadie Harrison, of Williamsburg, with B. D. Peachy, Williamsburg; Miss Lillian Haynes, of Penniman, with Job Kelly, Penniman; Miss Martha Spencer, of Williamsburg, with J. R. Bland, West Point; Miss Martha Ragland, of Richmond, with P. M. Frye, Richmond; Miss Morrison, of Penniman, with Henry Moncure, Williamsburg; Mr. and Mrs. James Lane, of Williamsburg; Miss Cook, of Richmond, with Tubby Roberts, Williamsburg. "Stags:" J. B. Fisher, E. H. Adsit, L. W. Simmons, J. A. Brooks, J. A. Conway, J. T. Henley, G. B. Green, D. B. Stuart, C. W. Tennis, A. B. Richardson.

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The moving picture machine is loaned to us and we get pictures from Washington to be shown here weekly at the expense of the general war Y. M. C. A. work. This is a feature for which we should also be thankful and we hope that the students will take advantage of our efforts and enter into our activities as freely as possible. We do not anticipate having a Plato republic, but we are endeavoring to make our social life on the campus pleasing to all at all times.

Concerning the branch of work which we have not yet started there is a great deal to be said. I have not the space to explain it in detail. You have been told what we have planned to do along the instructive and religious side of our work. The study classes which we have planned have a great question to be discussed and in a way that will not infringe upon the religious dogmas of any, but in a way that will bring out the most good to all. These classes are not to be lectures. They are to be open and free for all discussions on the great world question of democracy and our relation to that great principle. We plan to have classes in the dormitories under the direction of student leaders who have been instructed by an excellent normal leader. These classes are to be held weekly, lasting about one hour. There is no cost attached to it on your part. The Y. M. C. A. itself bears the burden of the cost. All that we want is to have you take an interest in the work because we have something that is too good, too valuable to be kept to ourselves. We want you to have it. Will you not at least do this for us, when we have already done so much for you? Do you not feel that you owe us and yourself that much time for real reflection?

We want no praise or glory for what we have done. If we have served you then our glory comes from above. We are your servants, and we want you to call on us when in need and make the Y. M. C. A. a place for refuge. Spend four spare moments in the Y room reading and playing. You have no Stag Hall to go to, so make the Y room your place of amusement. Please, gentlemen, let it in no wise resemble Stag Hall. Make it a place worthy of a gentleman's presence. And we ask you to continue to cooperate with us in this work and give us a little of your time to help make you better and wiser men. If you can do no more, pray for our success, say once a week.

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